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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJECT: KAUNDA CALLS FOR RESTORATION OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH  
SOVIET UNION

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DR. VASILI SOLODONVNIKOV PRESENTED HIS  
CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT STATE HOUSE LUSAKA  
AUGUST 10.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE CEREMONY, KAUNDA STATED  
THAT ZAMBIA HAD NOTHING TO GAIN BY CONTINUING SOUR RELATIONS  
WITH THE USSR AND GOOD RELATIONS SHOULD BE RESTORED AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. KAUNDA SAID ZAMBIA HAD NO INTENTION OF KEEPING  
"PERMANENT" ENEMIES AND SUPPORTS WHAT THE SOVIET UNION STANDS

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FOR AND WAS HERSELF IN PROCESS OF RIDDING COUNTRY OF THE

PROBLEMS OF HUNGER, POVERTY, DISEASE, IGNORANCE AND THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN. SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN HIS REMARKS REPORTEDLY PRAISED ZAMBIAN "CREATIVE ENDEAVORS" AND PLEDGED TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: FOR HOW LONG AND TO WHAT DEGREE AN AURA OF SWEETNESS AND LIGHT WILL PREVAIL IN ZAMBIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS IS OPEN TO QUESTION. HOWEVER, KAUNDA'S WARM PUBLIC GREETING OF NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS HE IS STARTING OUT ON MUCH BETTER WICKET THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. IF KAUNDA DESIRES TO HEDGE HIS BETS, THEN A WARMING TREND IN ZAMBIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS COULD BE ONE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT.  
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